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**MANCHESTER MAN SENTENCED TO
FEDERAL PRISON FOR BANK ROBBERY**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka, Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office of the FBI Kenneth W. Kaiser, and Hillsborough County Attorney Marguerite Wageling, announced that Paul Bouchard, age 31 (DOB: 08/19/72), formerly of Manchester, New Hampshire, was sentenced today in United States District Court in Concord, New Hampshire, bank robbery.

At today's sentencing Judge Steven J. McAuliffe imposed a sentence of 30 months in federal prison. In addition, he will be on supervised release for 2 years following his release from prison. Bouchard was also ordered to pay \$257 in restitution to Citizens Bank.

Mr. Bouchard pleaded guilty on March 25, 2004, to an indictment charging him with bank robbery. The defendant admitted that on August 15, 2003, he robbed the Citizens Bank at 7 McGregor Street in Manchester, New Hampshire, of approximately \$1,500. Two civilian witnesses saw the defendant leave the bank and flee to an apartment on Main Street where Bouchard was arrested and most of the money was recovered. The defendant apologized to the bank, its employees and customers during the sentencing hearing.

In commenting on the sentence, United States Attorney Colantuono stated, "The message in this case is clear: if you rob a bank in New Hampshire you are going to be caught and you are going to do federal time. The hard work of the agencies involved led to the successful apprehension and prosecution of this individual. My office remains dedicated to working with law enforcement at all levels and keeping New Hampshire's streets safe."

The case was investigated by the Manchester Police Department with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Clyde R. W. Garrigan.